

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 948

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ruth Ella Hill Tate.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ruth Ella Hill Tate; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Tate was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate served with acumen and alacrity as an office administrator for her family's landscaping business, C.H. Hill & Sons, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Tate was an active and devout member of New Nonconnah Missionary Baptist Church for more than twenty years, where she served faithfully as a Sunday school teacher, pianist, member of the #1 Choir, Young People's Department Supervisor, clerk, General Programs Chairman of the Baptist Training Union, the secretary of the Whitehaven District Women's Chorus, and the assistant secretary of Whitehaven District Congress; and

WHEREAS, later in her life, Mrs. Tate was a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church-Westwood for over thirty-five years, where she participated in the May Fellowship, Sanctuary Choir, Women's Circle, Youth Encampment, and Mt. Vernon Daycare Assistant/Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Tate was a member of the Black Business Women's Association, Memphis chapter and volunteered her time registering voters and working on local political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Tate enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, the late William Jerome Tate, and was the proud parent of Janet S. Hill, Craig J. Tate, Pamela Tate, Patalia Tate, Brenda Tate, and Gaylon Tate; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Tate will also be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Shedra Tate-Craft, Takita Tate, Eric Tate-Craft, Kashunda Hill, Dan Wolfe, Jr., Kevin Wolfe, and Nicholas Wolf; great-grandchildren, Gabrielle Tate, DeKevion Wolfe, Morgan Tate Jackson, Alexis Midgett, Kevin Wolfe, Jr. and Langston Harris; sisters-in-law, Bobbi Hill and husband, Calvin, and Lendine Hill and husband, Charles; and special friends Cora Ann Bell and Dorothy Chimp; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ruth Ella Hill Tate, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Tate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.